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In re Application of:

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Title: Thermal Tolerant Avicelase from
Acidothermus cellulolyticus

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) Art Unit: 1652
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) Examiner: Sheridan Swope
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) Atty. Dkt No.: NREL 01-36
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**PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
UNDER 37 C.F.R §§ 1.136 AND 1.17(a)**

Commissioner for Patents
U.S. Patents and Trademark Office
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

The applicant herewith petitions the Assistant Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Official Action, dated March 11, 2003 for one (1) month from June 11, 2003 to July 11, 2003 to prepare a response to the Examiner's rejections. Applicant authorizes the Assistant Commissioner for Patents to charge the amount of \$55.00 for the fee under 37 CFR § 1.17(a) to Applicant's Deposit Account No. 14-0460.

Respectfully submitted,

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